



TO: STAFF AND STUDENTS

FROM: PROF O AYO-YUSUF, ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

DATE: MONDAY, 02 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT: PASSING OF STUDENT HUNADI MOGONGOA

It is with sadness to announce the passing of Student Hunadi Magongoa (MBChB II) overnight on the 1st September 2019, reportedly due to food consumed from our Student Cafeteria on Friday 30th August 2019. The University has immediately instituted an investigation by a multidisciplinary team, which includes an external expert. The report is expected to be submitted to Management on Wednesday, 4 September 2019. In order to mitigate any further potential risks, Management has put in place the following arrangements:

- a. Students who present symptoms such as diarrhoea (which may have developed since Friday 30th August), abdominal cramps, fatigue, weight loss, anorexia and nausea are being assisted at the Campus Health Clinic or Dr George Mukhari Hospital. A number of students (about 75) were already examined and discharged today from the campus clinic;
- b. The Student Cafeteria has been closed until the completion of the above mentioned investigation. In the interim, a special bus service system has been arranged to take students from campus to nearby retail stores for them to buy food and other relevant amenities that were offered in the cafeteria; and
- c. Counselling and psycho-social support services will be organized for both Hunadi Magongoa's class mates (MBChB II), her friends and football team mates. Details will be communicated by the Department of Student Affairs shortly.

Management calls upon all students and staff to remain calm during this painful period as the investigation referred to above is being concluded to determine if there is a link between Magongoa's death and the food she consumed from Student Cafeteria. I have reached out to the family and agreed to provide them with support at this difficult time. On behalf of the University leadership, I hereby again send our message of condolences to the family of Hunadi Magongoa and wish them strength during this difficult period. May her soul rest in peace.

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